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EDWIN MORRELL

newspaper activities "news"

Soviet Labels Ousted U. S. Student a Spy

MOSCOW, Aug. 5 (UPI). The Soviet newspaper Trud today said American exchange student Edwin Morrell, 31, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was expelled from Moscow University last month for spy activities.

Morrell, a Harvard University student, issued a statement at his Salt Lake City home, denying the spy charge. He said he had done his graduate studies on Soviet labor unions "in an objective manner," but was expelled June 13 he was being expelled from Moscow University for failure to follow his study plan.

Trud, organ of the Central Council of Trade Unions, said Morrell was ordered out in July because he "constantly made attempts to penetrate into trade union organizations of the national industry to perform the task of the intelligence service."

U. S. Embassy officials confirmed that Morrell was asked to leave the Soviet Union, but added that Russian authorities gave "other reasons" at the time for the expulsion.

Trud said Morrell was studying Soviet trade unions at the Moscow University, but that "students helped unmask Morrell and in July he was sent off from the Soviet Union."

It said Morrell was "expelled from Czechoslovakia two years ago for subversive activities and espionage" and added that he "laughed at our life in an insulting manner and incited foreign tourists against Soviet youth and our country."

In Cambridge, Mass., Harvard officials said Morrell entered the Harvard Graduate School in the fall of 1956, and was awarded a master of arts degree in political science in June 1959. Records list him as a "traveling fellow," which means he received financial aid to travel abroad.

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